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PATENT APPLICATION

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action on the merits dated April 27, 2005. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing
5 amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 12-20 stand allowed. By the foregoing amendment, claims 2 and 3 have been canceled and claim 1, 4-6, 9, and 11 have been amended. Claim 21 has been newly added. Therefore, claims 1 and 4-20 remain in this application with claims 1 and 12 being independent.

10 IN THE CLAIMS:

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claim 11 stands rejected as being indefinite as said "center front panel" and "said first and second front panels" lack prior antecedent basis. Claim 11 has been amended to depend
15 from claim 1 instead of claim 2 whereby to supply the missing antecedent basis, claim 1 having also been amended to include all of the limitations of claims 2 and 3 as further described below. Accordingly, claim 11 should now be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

20 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections:

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,439,639 to Branting, by U.S. Pat. No. 2,067,661 to Ferrelle, and by U.S. Pat. No.

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3,063,064 to Mace. However, the examiner has indicated that claims 3-10 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (i.e. claim 1) but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 3 and claim 2
5 which is intervening. Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 have been canceled. Claims 4-6, 9, and 11 have been amended to properly depend from claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance along with claims 4-10 which depend therefrom and such is respectfully requested.

Claim 21 has been newly added and includes all of the limitations of claims 1 and
10 10. As the examiner indicated that claim 10 presents allowable subject matter, claim 21 should be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

This application should now be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested. If the examiner has any suggestions that would place this application in even better condition for allowance, she is invited to contact the applicant's representative at the telephone
15 number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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